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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: CONNECTING DUCT FOR FLUID COMPRESSION SYSTEM
Inventor: John R. WEBER

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Specification - 11 pages; Claims - 4 pages, including 4 independent claims and 20 claims total; Abstract - 1 page (total 16 pages).
2. Drawings - 3 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-3).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 page).
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Caterpillar Inc. (3 pages).
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ 750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	20	-	20		x \$18	
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	x \$84	\$ 84.00
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7. A check for \$874.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:
- \$750.00 filing fee; and
 - \$ 84.00 additional claim fee; and
 - \$ 40.00 for the Assignment recordation fee is also enclosed.

Please address all correspondence with respect to this application to:

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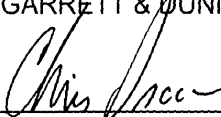
Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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